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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A fluorescent nucleotide represented by the formula: A-B-C, wherein A represents a residue of natural or synthetic nucleotide, oligonucleotide, polynucleotide, or derivative thereof, and binds to B at a base moiety in said residue; B represents a divalent linking group or a single bond; and C represents a monovalent group derived from a fluorescent dye having no sulfonic acid group and no phosphoric acid group in a molecule, and having a ~~water soluble group other than a sulfonic acid group~~ sulfonamide group or a lower alcohol group, a phosphoric acid group, or a carboxylic acid group in said molecule.

2. Cancelled.

3. (original) The fluorescent nucleotide according to claim 1, wherein the fluorescent dye is a cyanine, merocyanine, or styryl fluorescent dye.

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